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SUBJECT: WALK-IN

REFS: (A) MOSCOW 19178, (B) STATE 204801

1. MRS. OVSEPYAN'S HUSBAND CALLED EMBASSY ON AUGUST 14 TO DETERMINE STATUS OF HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN. CONSOFF TALKED WITH MR. GABRIELIAN, WHO STATED HE WAS STILL IN MOSCOW. HE WAS INTERESTED IF REPRESENTATIONS HAD BEEN MADE FOR HIS FAMILY BY THE EMBASSY. WHEN CONSOFF STATED THAT ONE HAD BEEN MADE BY A SENIOR OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY, HE ASKED THAT ANOTHER REPRESENTATION BE MADE IMMEDIATELY. CONSOFF REPLIED THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO USEFUL POINT IN DOING SO WHILE HIS WIFE REMAINED IN THE EMBASSY, AND THAT HIS WIFE APPEARS TO HAVE MADE A SERIOUS MISTAKE IN REMAINING IN THE EMBASSY, WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO EMIGRATE.

2. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS CONVERSATION,
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MRS. OVSEPYAN SPOKE TO HER HUSBAND FOR FIVE MINUTES IN AGITATED STATE. MRS. OVSEPYAN SAID "NO" SEVERAL TIMES AND, OBVIOUSLY UPSET, HUNG UP. SHE THEN TURNED TO CONSOFF AND SAID IN HER FRACTURED RUSSIAN, "MY HUSBAND SAID FOR ME TO STAY WITH THE CHILDREN, UNTIL WE CAN LEAVE."

3. COMMENT: WHILE MRS. OVSEPYAN APPEARS
DETERMINED TO STAY IN EMBASSY UNTIL EXIT
PERMIT IS GRANTED, WE BELIEVE
THAT STRAIN ON HER TWO CHILDREN (FIVE AND
EIGHT YEARS OLD) BECAUSE OF CONFINEMENT, MAY
FORCE HER TO LEAVE WITHIN A FEW WEEKS. TOON

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